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SUBJECT: CONUS TRAINING FOR CAMEROONIAN

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1. DEFENCE MINISTER ASSURED ME MAY 15 THAT WITHDRAWAL OF MAJOR TATAW' S CANDIDACY FOR ADVANCED INFANTRY OFFICERS COURSE DID NOT REPRESENT LOSS OF INTEREST BY CAMEROON IN COURSE. MINISTER RECEIVED ME ON RETURNING FROM ELECTION CAMPAIGN TRIP.

2. MAJOR TATAW WAS KEPT BACK BY SUDDEN INSURGENT THREAT IN HIS DISTRICT, BORDERING THE CONGO/ BRAZZAVILLE BORDER. DEFENCE MINISTER EXPLAINED THAT CAMEROONIAN POLITICAL REFUGEES IN CONGO- B WERE TO HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALGERIA BY AGREEMENT OF GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. BUT ALGERIA HAD SUDDENLY BALKED. IT HAD BEEN LEARNED ALSO THAT REFUGEES HAD RECEIVED ARMS FROM RECENTLY- EXECUTED ANGE DIAWARA, ARMS POSSIBLY ORIGINATING IN CUBA. FINALLY, WHEREAS THE NGOUBI REGIME HAD KEPT REFUGEES UNDER HOUSE ARREST IT NOW DEVELOPED THAT THEY WERE AT LIBERTY AND HAD BEEN SEEN AT OUESSO, ON CAMEROON BORDER. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, MAJOR TATAW' S COMMAND COULD NOT BE TURNED OVER TO OFFICER UNFAMILIAR WITH AREA.

3. DEFENCE MINISTER' S REMARKS UNUSUAL IN THEIR CANDOR, ESPECIALLY AS THEY REFER TO NEIGHBORING STATE. BELIEVE HE WENT TO EXTRA
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